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DOHA FOR JIDDA PLEASE PASS HOLLIS

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SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: VISIT OF NICHOLAS
HOLLIS

REF: (A) JIDDA 1548 (NOTAL), (B) KHARTOUM 0783 (NOTAL)
AND PREVIOUS

1. IF HOLLIS WISHES TO VISIT KUWAIT HE IS WELCOME TO DO
SO, BUT WE MUST POINT OUT THAT REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND "TRIANGULAR FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS" ARE
SOMEWHAT TIRED SUBJECTS HERE. MANY RDP VISITORS HAVE
PRECEDED HOLLIS TO KUWAIT. THE KUWAITIS ARE MORE THAN FULLY
INFORMED ABOUT REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND HAVE
ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN BEING BRIEFED ON THIS SUBJECT AS
FAR AS ASSISTANCE IN KUWAIT IS CONCERNED. THEY FEEL THAT IF
THEY WISH SUCH ASSISTANCE THEY KNOW WHERE TO GET IT.

2. LIKE "HOME AND MOTHER", EVERYONE IS IN FAVOR OF
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"TRIANGULAR FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS" BUT DISCUSSION RARELY
SEEMS TO GET BEYOND POLITE GENERALITIES. ONE SPECIFIC
CASE WHERE WE EXPENDED GOOD DEAL OF TIME TO GET DOWN TO
SPECIFICS -ARAB FUND FINANCING OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUDAN - FAILED BECAUSE SUDANESE
DID NOT WISH TO USE ARAB FUND LOAN MONEY ON FHWA, FEELING
THAT THEY COULD OBTAIN SUCH ASSISTANCE FREE.

3. THERE ARE NO OPPORTUNITIES WE FEEL " WOULD BE USEFUL
IN EXPOSING APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO RDP"
AS FAR AS ASSISTANCE TO KUWAIT IS CONCERNED. WE WOULD LIKE
TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC TRIANGULAR FINANCING POSSIBILITIES
WITH ARAB AND/OR KUWAIT FUNDS,BUT TO DO SO WE NEED FIRST
TO BE SURE THAT THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY IS IN FACT INTER-
ESTED IN SUCH U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IF THE SPECIFIC
ARAB FUND/FHWA CASE IS ANY GUIDE, IT IS THE POTENTIAL
RECIPIENT OF TRIANGULAR ASSISTANCE WITH WHOM WE SHOULD BE
DOING MOST OF THE TALKING. HOWEVER, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO
MAKE APPOINTMENTS AT ARAB AND/OR KUWAIT FUNDS FOR HOLLIS
TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROJECTS SUCH AS AID TO SUDAN AIRWAYS.

4. RE QUERY PARA 5 REF A, HOLLIS WILL REQUIRE SECOND VISA.
IF HE CANNOT OBTAIN ONE, WE CAN PROBABLY DO SO HERE.

5. DRIVER WILL MEET. SINGLE RESERVED FOR HOLLIS EVENINGS
MARCH 7 THROUGH 9 AT ONLY AVAILABLE HOTEL, THE
MESSILAH BEACH, WHICH IS HALF HOUR'S DRIVE FROM KUWAIT. SINGLE
AT HILTON RESERVED FOR EVENING OF MARCH 13.

6. HOLLIS' PROPOSED ITINERARY INCLUDES THURSDAY/FRIDAY
(MARCH 9/10) LOCAL WEEKEND. AS EMBASSY MANAMA HAS
RECENTLY INDICATED GENERALLY FOR BUSINESS VISITORS,
HOLLIS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SPENDING WEEKEND IN BAHRAIN,
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WHICH HAS BIT MORE TO OFFER THAN KUWAIT ON A WEEKEND.
IF HE DOES CHANGE PLANS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
SO WE MAY CANCEL ROOM RESERVATIONS. SINCE FUNDS HERE
ARE CLOSED ON THURSDAYS, WE DO NOT FORESEE HOLLIS HAVING
ANY BUSINESS HERE BEYOND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.
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